

Notice of Allowability

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10/828,989

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 3/6/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/21/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20060314 .
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Molinaro on 3/13/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 is rewritten as followings:

--A hydrocarbon conversion process comprising contacting a hydrocarbon stream with a catalytic composite at hydrocarbon conversion conditions to give a converted product, the hydrocarbon conversion process selected from the group consisting of alkylation of aromatics, alkylation of isoparaffins, transalkylation of aromatics and isomerization of aromatics and the catalytic composite comprises a UZM-8 zeolite; wherein UZM-8 has a layered framework of at least AlO_2 and SiO_2 tetrahedral units and a composition on an as-synthesized and anhydrous basis expressed by an empirical formula of:



where M is at least one exchangeable cation selected from the group consisting of alkali and alkaline earth metals, "m" is the mole ratio of M to (Al + E) and varies from 0 to about 2.0, R is at least one organoammonium cation selected from the group consisting of quaternary ammonium cations, diquaternary ammonium cations, protonated amines, protonated diamines, protonated alkanolamines and quaternized alkanolammonium cations, "r" is the mole ratio of R

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to (Al + E) and has a value of about 0.05 to about 5.0, “n” is the weighted average valence of M and has a value of about 1 to about 2, “p” is the weighted average valence of R and has a value of about 1 to about 2, E is an element selected from the group consisting of gallium, iron, boron, chromium, indium and mixtures thereof, “x” is the mole fraction of E and has a value from 0 to about 1.0, “y” is the mole ratio of Si to (Al + E) and varies from about 6.5 to about 35 and “z” is the mole ratio of O to (Al + E) and has a value determined by the equation:

$$z = (m \cdot n + r \cdot p + 3 + 4 \cdot y)/2$$

and is characterized in that it has the x-ray diffraction pattern having at least the d spacings and intensities set forth in Table A:

Table A

2- θ	d(Å)	I/I ₀ %
6.40 - 6.90	13.80 - 12.80	w - s
6.95 - 7.42	12.70 - 11.90	m - s
8.33 - 9.11	10.60 - 9.70	w - vs
19.62 - 20.49	4.52 - 4.33	m - vs
21.93 - 22.84	4.05 - 3.89	m - vs
24.71 - 25.35	3.60 - 3.51	w - m
25.73 - 26.35	3.46 - 3.38	m - vs

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Claim 10 is rewritten as following:

--The process of claim 3 where the hydrocarbon stream comprises polyisopropylbenzene and benzene.--.

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: a full search does not show a reference able to be used to reject a process as called for claim 1. Further, the same catalyst is already allowed in the parent 10/395,466, the process of use in the application must be allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuan D. Dang whose telephone number is 571-272-1445. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Caldarola can be reached on 571-272-1444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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